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## **2 plead guilty to distributing cocaine**

Two men pleaded guilty today in federal court for distributing the powerful, addictive stimulant cocaine.

Robert James Deans, 54, Bismark, N.D., and Jason Robert Zeimes, 36, Plymouth, entered their pleas of one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine May 29 in Minneapolis before United States District Court Chief Judge James Rosenbaum. Both Deans and Zeimes were indicted Nov. 14, 2007.

According to their respective plea agreements, Deans contacted Zeimes in July 2007 about selling some cocaine. Zeimes admitted that he was the source of the cocaine, and Deans agreed that he would provide the name of individuals who would buy it. Both Deans and Zeimes intended to profit from the sale of the cocaine.

During October and November 2007, based on this agreement, Zeimes sold cocaine no fewer than three times. The total weight of the cocaine was 233 grams.

Deans and Zeimes each face a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Judge Rosenbaum will determine their sentences at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Leshia Lee-Dixon.